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Honorable Christopher (Kit) Bond
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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I think its unfair for the FCC to consider expanding the operations of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio control modelers. The FCC must think we are not as worthy of radio frequency usage as the user of business radio. As individuals our power is how we vote, as an industry we contribute a sizable income to our nation. None of what we do contributes to the sales of drugs or the

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The Honorable Christopher Bond
497 Russell Office Building
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Dear Sir

I have built and flown model aircraft for more than fifty years. About ten years ago I "stepped up" to building and flying radiocontrolled planes. Now I am looking forward to retirement and much more time for this hobby.

This causes me to be very concerned about the FCC's Proposal to change rules which would affect frequencies used by model aircraft flyers. This proposal is P.R. Docket 92-135.

Without going into technical details, which I do not fully understand, this proposal would leave modelers with only nineteen of the fifty frequencies presently assigned.

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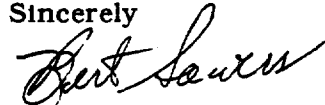
I construct and operate radio controlled model airplanes. I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am a very active member of the Mid Missouri Modelers; Higginsville, Missouri; whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If

models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to myself and thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry. The hobby also provides employment for many individuals and revenue to many businesses. The restriction of reduced frequencies currently under consideration will impact our economy and my personal income.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bert Sowers".

Bert Sowers

Bert Sowers
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Higginsville, MO 64037

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The Honorable Christopher S. Bond
293 Russell Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-2503

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Dear Senator Bond:

My name is Tony Luper, I am 26 i'm writing to you
because I am concernd about my hobby. I am and have been
enjoying radio controlled models for about 10 years. I
personally own two airplanes, three boats, three cars
some of these are electric and some burn a special fuel.
~~I also have five radio's two chargers and alot of other~~

need the use of our full complement of radio of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying enviroment.

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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Tony Laper
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William E. Sedgell

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 27, 1993

FCC

1919 M St, NW
Washington, D.C. 20510

Gentlemen:

I am writing in regard to NPRM-PR Docket 92-235, and urging, begging, and pleading with you to NOT implement this proposal for the following reasons:

Aviation, and the building and flying of model aircraft has been a most important part of my life since about age 8, and now 61 and retired, it would be an even greater blow to be forced to give it up now. I have built and flown Radio Controlled aircraft since 1957, and one of the most perplexing problems has always been the loss of valuable and treasured airplanes to interference from other frequency users. First it was the CBJERS on the 27 Mhz spots, then we were given a few spots in the 72 Mhz band and still experienced losses from interference, then we were given the 50 spots on the 72 Mhz band, and even using the latest and most narrow band receivers available, we are still losing models to interference, and in fact have heard voice and other unknown interference on a frequency scanner RIGHT ON OUR CHANNELS. I am in fact at present trying to sell two of my six radios because there is interference on these two channels that these two radios happen to be on (12 and 24). Since we are experiencing difficulties trying to separate other users that are SUPPOSED to be 10 KHz away, there is no way we can operate our models with users only 2.5 KHz away.

When you consider that some of our models cost in the thousands of dollars, and take months or even years to build, can weigh 30 or 40 or more pounds, and fly at speeds up to or exceeding 200 MPH, and consider the possible loss of such a model, possible loss or damage to property on the ground, and even the possibility of personal injury or even loss of life, it is hard to understand why we modelers are forced to accept "secondary use" status, must accept interference from other users, but are not allowed to cause interference, when this interference because Joe wants to say hi to Bill on a frequency too close to ours, can cause all of the above.

Even though we modelers are a relative small group, we are tax paying citizens, and deserve the same rights as other users, and I feel we have always and are now being discriminated against in no small way.

Respectfully and Sincerely yours

William E. Stodgell

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Jefferson City Radio Control Club

cc Congressman Ike Skelton
Senator Christopher Bond
Senator John Danforth

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Sincerely,

Wayne Subotka

Kansas City, Mo

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Dear Senator Bond:

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under

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U. S. House of Representatives
Washington D. C. 20510

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February 1, 1993

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Senator Bond:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active with a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled airplanes. Members of the local model airplane club offer countless hours of free instruction and building tips to assist new pilots. The club also puts on one heck of a model airplane show each summer at a commercial airport, participates in Memorial Day festivities at our local airport, visits grade schools for demonstrations, travels around the state participating in other clubs events and lots, lots more.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will be closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of radio control frequencies. If the number of frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety greatly increased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have a wingspan of up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30-40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We need use of our full compliment of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and our radio equipment. Radio equipment for each pilot cost on the average of \$250.00 and up, per radio. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment for thousands of people and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Dan Stelljes

Dan Stelljes
P. O. Box #441
Ashland, MO 65010

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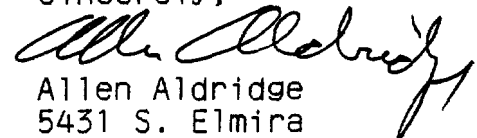
I am a 50 year old Professional Engineer who finds considerable enjoyment from building and flying radio controlled model aircraft. I have been very active in this hobby for several years, and I enjoy flying the year around. I own three radios, and five model airplanes. I am presently building a Long-EZ, which is a 1/5 scale model of an experimental canard. It will be at least one more year before I will be able to fly this model, and by that time I will have hundreds of hours and at least a thousand dollars invested in this one model.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

The proposed rule change will allow additional users, both fixed and mobile, to operate on frequencies as close as 2.5 Khz from the frequencies currently being used by R/C hobbyist. The current requirement is to maintain a 10 Khz spacing between assigned users' frequencies. 2.5 Khz is too close to the R/C users and will interfere with the model. The result is that the model will crash, possibly injuring a spectator.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,



Allen Aldridge
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Springfield, Mo.
65810

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARYKansas City MO.
25 JAN 1993

To: The Honorable Kit Bond.

Senator: I am Retired after 28 years with TWA in Kansas City. I am in the Hobby of flying Radio Controlled Aircraft, and I am very upset about a proposed Rule change under consideration by the F.C.C. it is P.R. DOCKET 92-225.

It could & will cause, many, cockpits lost aircraft, and personal harm to those around while RC are flying not to mention the cost of replacing lost Equipment. Please help stop them.

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Thank You,
Wayne E. Smith.4980 N.E. Chouteau Dr.
Kansas City, MO 64119

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The Honorable Christopher S. Bond

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Dear Sir,

It has come to my attention that the FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM-PR Docket 92-235). I have been operating radio controlled model airplanes for 13 yrs. I am a very active member in my local club. We have very strict rules on safety, whether operating an airplane or being a bystander.

I am very concerned about the proposed rules from the FCC. If adopted the new rules will greatly reduce the number of frequencies used for RC model aviation and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes. We go to great lengths to assure safety in monitoring the frequencies used at the flying field. If the new rules were adopted, I am told that of the 50 usable frequencies only 19 frequencies would be left for model aircraft. We operate the frequencies on 72MHz & 76MHz if the new rule were adopted, the remaining frequencies would become so congested that the margin of safety would be greatly decreased and the fun and enjoyment of flying these models would greatly decrease also.

I personally have models that weigh from 5 lbs. to 25 lbs. and go from 50 mph to 135 mph, with wing spans from 4.5 ft. to 8 ft.. These models have great potential to cause serious injury or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the aircraft. I often fly at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need all the radio frequencies we have to assure a safe flying environment for operators and spectators.

I do not think it is wise or right for the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we all have a considerable investment in our models and radio equipment. I have over \$1,000.00 in radio equipment that would be useless if the new rules were to be adopted.

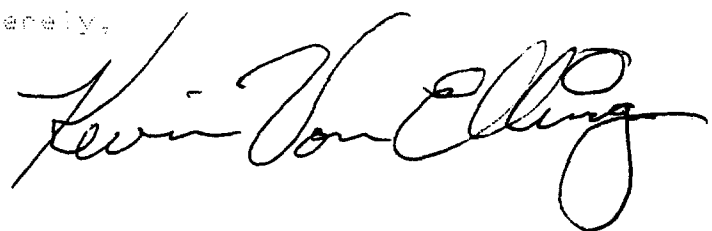
This hobby provides many hours of good clean wholesome fun, not only for my family, but for thousands of others like myself. It also contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry. Every plane flying now was once a model.

PLEASE HELP ME continue the safe enjoyment of my hobby by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72- 76 MHz band

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Hopefully we can stop this from becoming a hazardous problem for all concerned.

Sincerely,

Kevin VonElling
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Eugene F. Kern

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Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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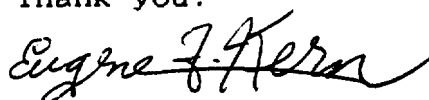
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Thank you.

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Eugene F. Kern

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Gary L. Meyers
9107 E. Milton
Overland, Mo. 63114

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The Honorable Kit Bond:
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Ref: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Senator:

I am an active Radio Control Model Airplane flyer who is looking forward to retiring in a few more years when I will have more time to devote to my hobby.

I own a great deal of Radio Equipment which the above rule would make obsolete or dangerous to use if it were to be adopted.

Safety, of course, is an important concern with me but there are some people who may use radio equipment even if the above referenced rule were made into law. Some of these model airplanes weigh as much as 55 lbs. and travel as fast as 200 MPH. This is perfectly safe as long as it is done in an interference free environment which the above rule would adversely affect.

In the interest of hundreds of thousands of hobbyist and the hobby industries as well please vote against this proposed rule change.

Thank You,

Gary L. Meyers

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Clifford M. Smith
5398 N. Wyandotte
Gladstone, Mo. 64118
January 24, 1993

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Honorable Christopher S. Bond
293 Russell Building
Washington, DC 20510-2503

Dear Senator Bond:

One of my favorite pastimes is building and flying model airplanes. There is much satisfaction and enjoyment in seeing the result of many hours of labor lift off the ground and fly gracefully skyward. All is well when the plane returns safely to earth.

The Federal Communications Commission is considering changing its rules that may have considerable impact on my hobby. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies now assigned for model use and increase the already real risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

The FCC wants to make more frequencies available for land mobile use, but also crowding or making our frequencies unusable to us.

My fellow enthusiasts are some of the nicest, considerate and generous individuals I have ever met. This sport encourages participation from young and old alike. It requires discipline and dedication to perfection or the results are predictable and expensive.

Our hobby is relatively safe from radio interference. However, there is always the occasional unexplained crash of an aircraft where we lose radio control of the craft. We call this a "hit".

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. Anything that can be done to relieve the occasional "hit" on

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Mr. Steven G. Gooseman
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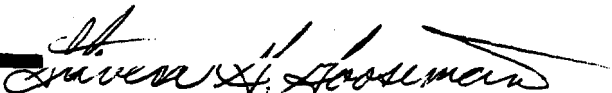
Dear Senator Bond:

This letter is to let you know of my disapproval of the change in band plans for the 72/76 mhz frequency allocations. Namely NPRM-PR Docket 92-235.

As a model aircraft flyer I was very happy to get the extra frequencies allocated to us in 1985. The greater number of frequencies helped in many ways, mostly in safety. If this proposed docket is to pass, this safety which we have enjoyed to date will be greatly jeopardized. Allowing someone to walk onto or nearby a model flying field and operate one of these hand held radios will cause an average 10-20 pound model to go out of control and if lucky it will only crash into the ground, but at an average speed of 100 mph it may fly some distance maybe even into a crowd or into a public area, as many flying sights are adjacent to public use areas. This is not something I would want to be responsible for.

Also my career is based on this hobby as is many of my friends and customers. This will, very much so, put an end to the lifestyle I have come to know. I work for a distributor for hundreds of companies and have thousands of dealers nation wide, all of which will be affected by this rule change should it be approved. Please do not allow this to happen. I would label this an undo hardship on thousands and thousand of citizens.

Yours truly,



Steven G. Gooseman
Service Manager, Ace Radio Control, Inc.
Model Aircraft Hobbyist

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I am currently on Active Duty with the United States Coast Guard and spend many long hours performing my duties. I enjoy spending whatever liberty hours I can constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. This hobby provides me the diversion I need to relieve job related stress which in turn allows me to perform my duties better.

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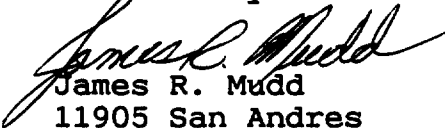
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